PROGRAM

for

ROSS ALLEN'S ANNUAL BOY SCOUT DAY AND CAMP-OUT

AT FLORIDA'S SILVER SPRINGS

NOVEMBER 25 - 30, 1959

ROSS ALLEN AND BOY SCOUTS WITH GIANT BOA CONSTRICTORS AT THE REPTILE INSTITUTE

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ROSS ALLEN'S REPTILE INSTITUTE
INC.

FOREWORD

With a great deal of pleasure I extend to the Boy Scouts this invitation to visit my Reptile Institute at Florida's Silver Springs, without charge; to be my guests at the campfire program and the barbecue camp dinner; and to utilize the new camp site during the 1959 camp-out, November 25-29.

Your friend,

Ross Allen

Boy Scout, 1920
Eagle Scout, 1926
Assistant Scout Master, 1927
Scout Master, 1928 to 1934
Began Taxidermy Business, Winter Haven, 1927
Located at Silver Springs, November, 1929
Founded the Reptile Institute at Silver Springs, 1931

ROSS WITH SCOUTS DURING THE 1958 CAMP-OUT

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THE CAMP SITE AT SILVER SPRINGS: ITS HISTORY AND WILDLIFE

By Wilfred T. Neill
(Director, Research Division; Ross Allen's Reptile Institute, Inc.)

There are several kinds of history. First, there is the history of written records — man's story as he put it down himself. The written history of the Silver Springs area goes back to the year 1539 A. D., when the Spanish explorer De Soto arrived. But Indian tribes had reached this vicinity long before. Their history is written, not on paper, but in the form of flint spear-heads, bits of broken pottery, and other primitive implements. And a third kind of history was written not by man but by Nature herself, in the rocks, the sand dunes, the clay beds, the rivers, the hills, the sculpturing of the earth.

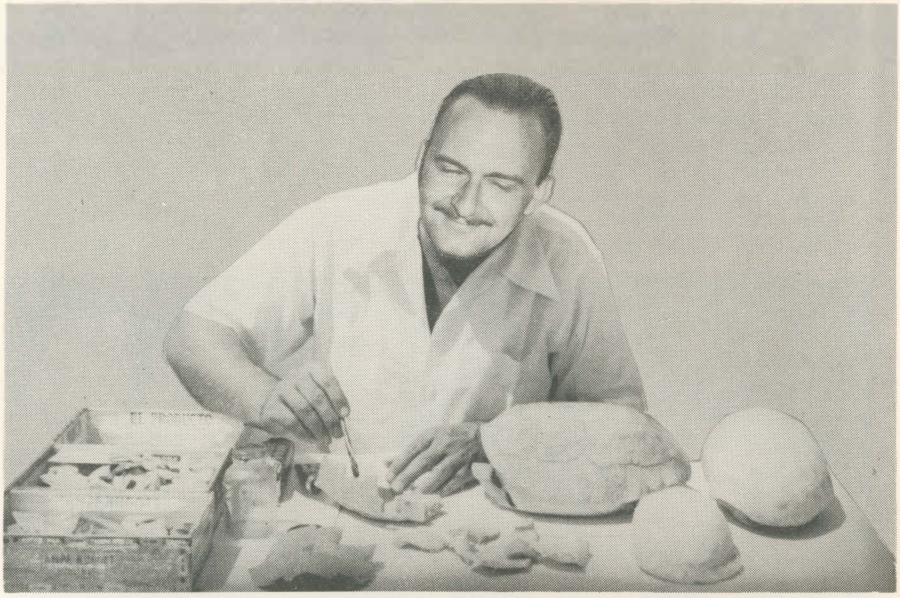
The Silver Springs area is rich in all three kinds of history.

The camp site is covered with quartz sand, over a reddish, sandy clay. Here and there are chunks of limestone; and if you examine these carefully, you'll see the fossilized remains of ocean life: corals, sea-urchins, sea-shells, and the like. From this you might

VERY OLD SPEARHEADS FOUND IN AND NEAR SILVER SPRINGS

guess that the ocean once covered the region; and such was indeed the case. There were times — many thousands of years ago — when peninsular Florida was completely submerged; and so we now find ancient sharks' teeth and whale vertebrae in what is now the very center of the state! (The waters of Silver Springs flow from caverns in a thick limestone formation, which accumulated on a sea bottom ages ago.) There were also times when this part of Florida extended above the ocean waves only as a group of islands. The sand hills of the area still remind you of coastal dunes, which they were at one time.

The first Indians arrived at Silver Springs about 10,000 years ago, according to the best estimates of scientists who have excavated in the vicinity. At that time the area was probably inhabited by some animals now extinct: the mammoth elephant, the mastodon, the sabertooth, giant bison, and the like. The bones of some of these animals have been found in great abundance on the bottom of Silver Springs; and spearheads of the earliest Indians were excavated from a prehistoric camp site not far below the head springs.



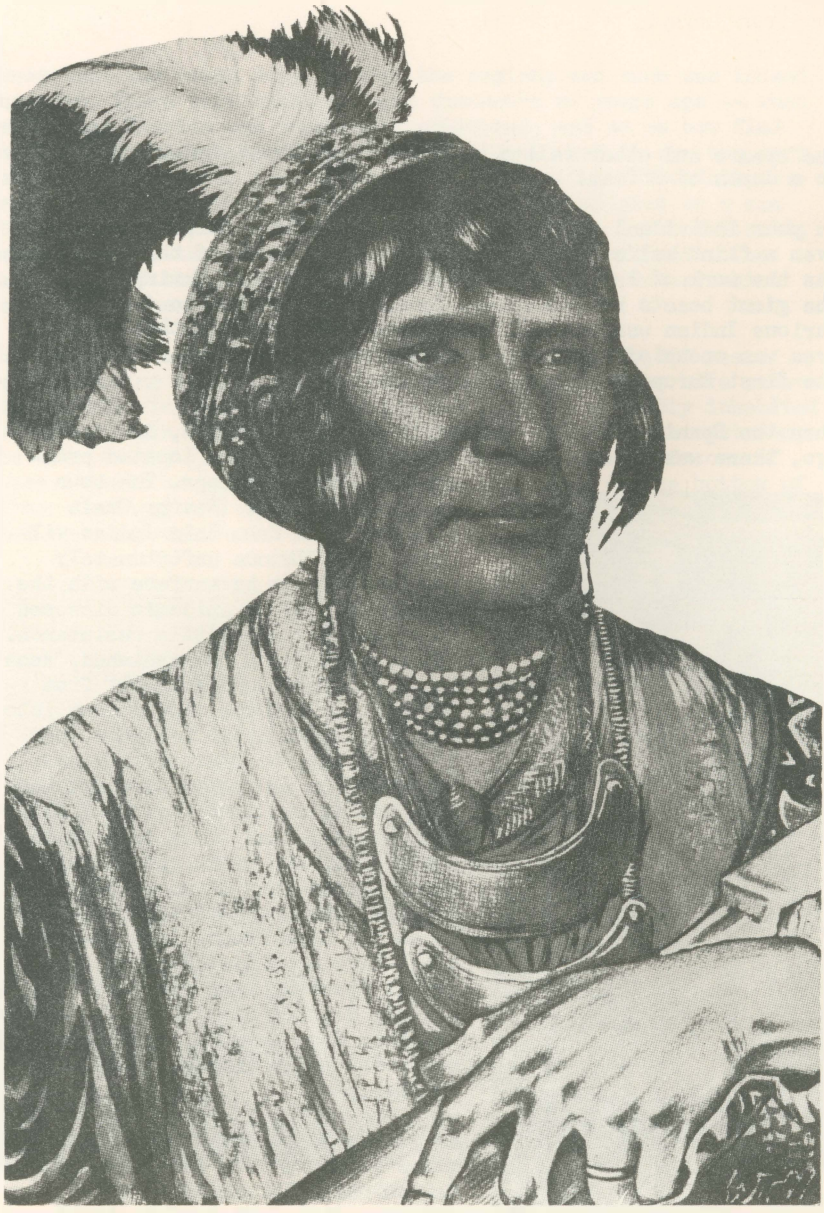
AT THE RESEARCH DIVISION OF ROSS ALLEN'S REPTILE INSTITUTE, FOSSIL TURTLE SHELLS ARE RECONSTRUCTED FROM FRAGMENTS FOUND IN SILVER SPRINGS AND AT NEARBY LOCALITIES

The spears and other relics had been covered by wind-blown sand to a depth of 8 feet!

On your individual camp site you may find flint chips, perhaps even a flint knife or spearhead. Of course, much of this material was the work of later Indians, who came to Silver Springs after the giant beasts had vanished. Scientists know how to date the various Indian weapons and tools; and it is certain that this area was occupied by the red men for thousands of years before the first European explorers arrived.

When the Spaniard De Soto passed through this region, 420 years ago, there was a large town of the Timucua Indians located probably at Silver Springs. The town was called Ocali. (Nearby Ocala gets its name from this Indian village.) The Timucua unfortunately were killed out by warfare with the Spaniards, and by epidemic diseases to which they had little resistance. After the Timucua had vanished, some other Indians, coming mostly from Georgia and Alabama, moved down into Florida. These later arrivals came to be called the Seminole. So you see that the Seminoles were not the original Indian inhabitants of Florida; rather, they first came to this state about 200 years ago. Among other places they lived at Silver Springs, where one of their old camp sites has been found. (And Seminoles still live at Silver Springs, as you'll discover when you visit Ross Allen's Reptile Institute. The Nature Trail to Ross Allen's leads from your camp site to an authentic Seminole village.)

As you have probably read, these Indians fought a long and inconclusive war — really a series of wars — with the United States soldiers; and the Seminoles were never completely



THE SEMINOLE LEADER, OSCEOLA; REDRAWN BY THE AUTHOR FROM AN 1838 PORTRAIT. THIS FAMOUS INDIAN LIVED NOT FAR FROM SILVER SPRINGS

defeated. They will tell you with pride that they were the only Indians who were never conquered, and who signed no peace treaty!

About 2½ miles from your camp site was Fort King, one of the main army outposts during the Seminole Wars. This was where the famous Seminole leader, Osceola, was once knocked on the head and thrown into prison, and where he later executed a terrible vengeance. The fort was long ago burned by the Indians, but in places the ground is still littered with musket balls, old nails, gun flints, and scraps of metal. Osceola himself once lived not far from what is now Ocala; and the Base Line Road, which forms one boundary of the Silver Springs camp site, is said to follow the old Seminole trail from the Indian villages to the springs.

And about 3 miles from your camp, but in another direction, was a Civil War encampment of Confederate soldiers.

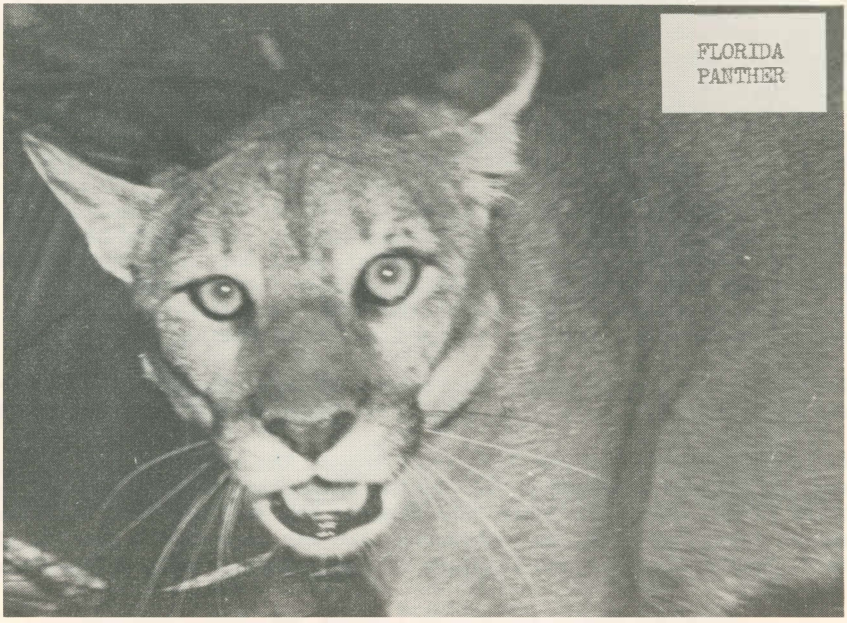
When you walk around the Silver Springs camp site, think of the many remarkable events that took place there. Ages ago it was covered by a warm, shallow sea where giant sharks cruised. For a time it was an island. Eventually there came great elephants, mastodons, tapirs, camels, sabertooths, giant beavers, jaguars, huge wolves, troops of wild horses, hog-like peccaries, and many more. (Some of these vanished beasts probably walked over the very spot where your tent is pitched.) Then came the earliest Indians on the trail of big game, to leave their beautifully chipped spearheads along the borders of Silver Springs run. Later Indians lived along the stream and accumulated piles of snail and clam shells. They learned to make pottery and raise crops; they erected burial mounds in this vicinity. After these prehistoric people came the Timucua Indians; then the Spanish soldiers and priests; next the fierce Seminoles; Andrew Jackson's soldiers; the Indian leaders, Osceola and Wildcat; the Confederate troops; Ulysses S. Grant, Phil Sheridan, and William Tecumseh Sherman, all of whom visited Silver Springs; the rowdy brawlers and gunmen of the "phosphate boom;" and the old paddle-wheel steamers that carried visitors up Silver Springs run.

Yes, there's a lot of history at Silver Springs. There's a lot of wildlife, too; and as a Scout you'll be interested to learn about it.

Near your tent you'll see 2 kinds of trees. The tall one, with cones and needles, is longleaf pine. (On the camp site there are also a few black pines, and still fewer sand pines.) The smaller tree, with acorns and an irregular leaf, is turkey-oak. You may also find a few big live-oaks. You'll likewise see clusters of saw-palmetto, with a fan-shaped

leaf; and clusters of coarse wire-grasses. Many of the Fall wildflowers will be in bloom at the time of the camp-out; you may recognize members of the daisy, mint, spiderwort, pea, mallow, cactus, mustard, rose, milkweed, and morning-glory families, among others.

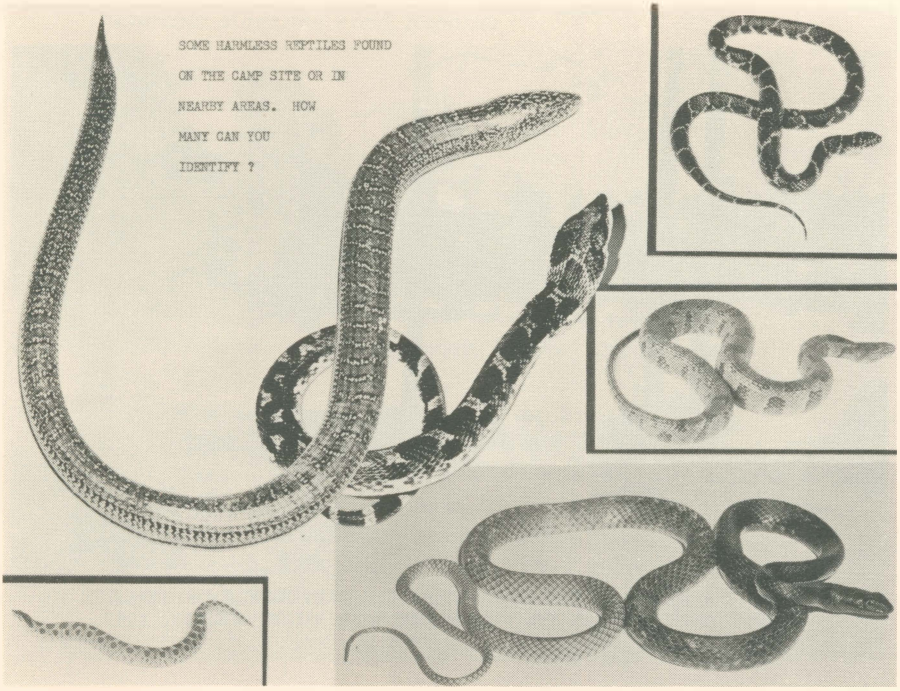
Many wild animals have been seen on the camp site. Some kinds live there, while others ramble up from the nearby swamps along Silver Springs run. We have seen the Florida mole, Seminole bat, big-eared bat, free-tailed bat, Florida raccoon, Florida weasel, spotted skunk, Florida striped skunk, gray fox, bobcat, gray squirrel, fox squirrel, flying squirrel, pocket-gopher, 5 kinds of mice, cottontail rabbit, marsh rabbit, and white-tailed deer, all on this tract. The armadillo, introduced into Florida about 30 years ago, is now abundant around the camp area. It is surprising to learn that the Florida otter often visits this very dry spot, coming up from the river swamp. Even more surprising is the Florida panther, which was definitely seen here a few years ago. This big cat was probably a wanderer from the Ocala National Forest, one of the last refuges for this animal.



Birds include the yellow-billed cuckoo, barn owl, screech owl, great horned owl, barred owl, chuck-will's-widow, nighthawk, ruby-throated hummingbird, flicker, pileated woodpecker, red-headed woodpecker, downy woodpecker, kingbird, crested flycatcher, blue jay, common crow, fish crow, chickadee, titmouse, Florida wren, mockingbird, catbird, brown thrasher, robin, bluebird, loggerhead shrike, starling, yellow-breasted chat, English sparrow, meadowlark, orchard oriole, summer tanager, cardinal, painted bunting, towhee, junco, white-throated sparrow, and many more. Of course some of these are just occasional visitors to the camp site.

On this tract we have caught the gopher tortoise, box turtle, Carolina anole or "chameleon," racerunner, red-tailed skink, Southeastern five-lined skink, ground skink, slender glass-lizard, worm lizard, fence lizard, scarlet snake, black racer, diamondback rattlesnake, pygmy rattlesnake or "ground rattler," ringneck snake, indigo snake, corn snake, yellow ratsnake, eastern hognose snake, southern hognose snake, Florida kingsnake, coachwhip, coral snake, rough green snake, Florida pine snake, and crowned snake. The camp site is too dry for most amphibians, but we have found the oak toad, southern toad, Florida cricketfrog, greenhouse frog, pinewoods treefrog, squirrel treefrog, narrow-mouthed toad, and spadefoot toad.

Of special interest are the gopher frog, which lives in the burrows of the gopher tortoise; and the rare short-tailed snake, found only in Central Florida.



There are also many kinds of insects: beautiful butterflies and moths, rhinoceros beetle, darkling beetle, Bess-beetle, May beetle, brownie bugs, leaf-hoppers, grasshoppers, crickets, etc. Likewise of interest are the sow-bug, harvester, daddy-longlegs, various spiders, the whip-tail scorpion or "grampus," a little brown scorpion, land snails, centipedes, millipedes, and the greenhouse flatworm.

Your stay at Silver Springs is a chance to learn a great deal about both plants and animals. On the camp site you may encounter some of the native wildlife; in Ross Allen's Reptile Institute you'll see wild animals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fishes from several countries; and if you ride a Glass-bottom Boat or a Photo-Sub at Silver Springs, you'll also observe many kinds of underwater life.

The camp site is high and dry; but the land drops off rapidly toward the Reptile Institute, which is built in the cypress swamp that originally bordered the springs. A Nature Trail has been constructed from the camp to the Institute. Beginning in the turkey-oak and longleaf pine, the Trail runs into a lower area, almost flatwoods-like, with many black pines and gallberry bushes; then enters a fine stand of magnolias, hickories, and other hardwoods; and finally drops into a low, swampy area with red maples, cabbage-palms, and huge cypress trees. A great many of the trailside plants have been identified and labeled, for your information.

WORK IN PROGRESS AT THE CAMP SITE: THE LEE W. POPPLE AMPHITHEATRE UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE PINE FOREST NEAR SILVER SPRINGS, 1959

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I GOT MY START THROUGH SCOUTING

Says Ross Allen, former Boy Scout, world famous authority on reptiles, and founder of the Ross Allen Reptile Institute at Silver Springs, Florida. Here is the story of the part Scouting played in his exciting life.

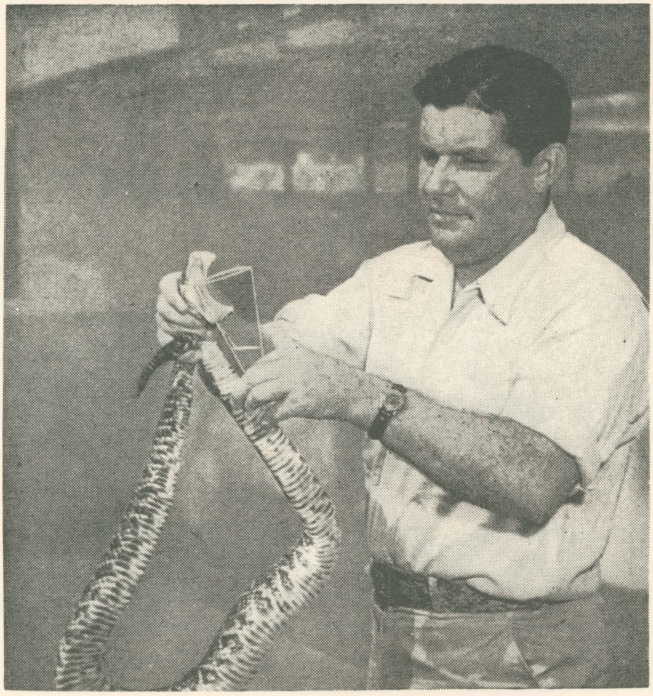
As told to JIM MOISE
SCOUTING *Magazine Field Reporter*

ALF, A WIZENED HUNTER from the deep Florida swamp country, stands there waiting, gingerly holding a burlap bag that swings slightly with the movement of something inside. The other man, a stocky athletic type with a mop of curly black hair and a quick grin, strides into the room and booms, "Okay, Alf, let's see them."

Alf grunts and carefully upends the bag. Out onto the bare concrete floor sprawl seven live diamondback rattlesnakes, angrily wriggling and rattling. The big man, wearing high thick boots, moves easily among the reptiles, looking them over intently. "Good!" he says at length, and, using a stick with a curved wire at one end, neatly scoops them back into the bag.

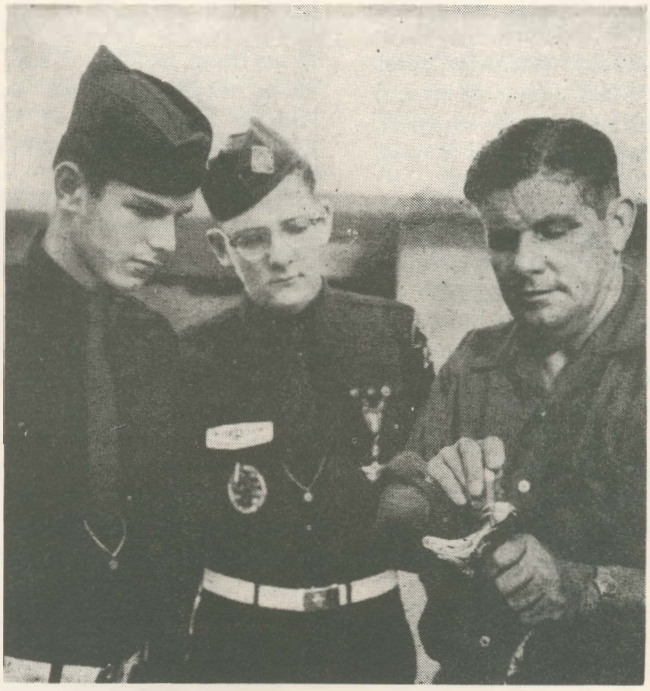
An hour later he is on the phone, listening to the tense voice of a man in a city fifty miles away: "My boy was just bitten by a coral snake! If we send a plane can you meet us at the airport with antivenin?" The big man and the antivenin are at the airport—and a boy's life is saved. . . .

In the depths of the Honduran jungle a giant iguana lizard, a dinosaurlike monster fully seven feet in length, crouches on a dead limb overhanging a deep pool. Suddenly it sees the man coming at it and dives in a steep arc, disappearing instantly beneath the surface. A second later the man dives, follows the telltale trail of bubbles and comes to grips with the great lizard on the dark, muddy bottom. There in those shadowy depths man and reptile battle it out—and when they rise to the surface the iguana is prisoned in the vicelike grip of the man. . . .



Easy does it! Ross Allen demonstrates milking of live rattlesnake to obtain venom, used to make antivenin.

Photos by Ross Allen's Reptile Institute
Silver Springs, Florida



Allen opens rattler's jaws to show fangs, venom source. Explorers are working on Reptile Study merit badge with Allen.

This man, in whose remarkable life incidents like these are fairly routine, is Ross Allen—founder and head of the world-famous Ross Allen Reptile Institute at Silver Springs, Florida. The world knows Ross Allen as a man who wrestles a ten-foot alligator or milks the venom from a squirming rattlesnake as calmly as you drink your morning coffee. Not as many know, however, that Allen attributes much of his success as naturalist and reptile authority to the early interest, training, and experience he got as a Boy Scout back in Akron and Middletown, Ohio.

On his twelfth birthday his big present was a Boy Scout uniform—and he lost little time in joining a nearby troop. An early interest in nature and the outdoors began to find exciting new outlets: opportunities for exploring the deep woods, for camping by streams and lakes, for watching the mammals and birds and fish and reptiles — particularly the reptiles—of the fields and forests near his home.

It was as a Boy Scout, too, that Ross learned to swim—a skill that set him even more firmly upon the path leading to the colorful vocation he

chose. For nature study and taxidermy meant collecting specimens, and many of the specimens in which Ross was especially interested spent a good deal of their time in or around water. A strong swimmer, he reasoned, would have better luck than a weak one.

Rapidly developing into an expert waterman, he nevertheless did not like to take part in swimming meets. He remembers feigning illness in his tent one day at Scout camp rather than join his troop at the water front for the camp swimming meet. His Scoutmaster, suspecting Ross was being needlessly modest, marched him down to the dock and put him into the meet. Result? Thanks to Ross, the troop walked away with first prize.

In later years he was to remember this incident not as the time he helped win a swimming event, but as the time he gained—through Scouting—a big helping of the confidence that was to serve him so well in his work. It was about this time that his family moved to Florida, and new doors now began to open. Its lush cypress swamps and thick pinewoods sheltered animal life enough to whet the appetite of any young naturalist, and Ross plunged into his new environment with delight. It was here that he captured his first poisonous snake, a diamondback rattler, and his first alligator, sunning itself among the reeds of a sluggish stream.

Despite expanding interests in this exciting new locale, Ross would let nothing interfere with his Scouting. He rose to Star, to Life, and then to Eagle Scout. He served as water-front director of his local council's Scout camp and later was a Scoutmaster with a troop of his own. Every Scout in his troop, needless to say, was wild about wildlife and well acquainted with its conservation—a cause Ross had championed from the beginning.

It was natural, and perhaps inevitable, that Ross Allen's converging interests—nature, aquatics, taxidermy, Scouting—should lead him, in 1929, to organize the Ross Allen Reptile Institute. In the beginning much of the Institute's work consisted of collecting and mounting specimens, mostly reptiles, for the University of Florida and other institutions. This meant continual expeditions into the swampy back country, particularly the Everglades, to hunt down the multitude of gators and diamondbacks and water moccasins needed to fill the increasing orders.

Another activity the Institute soon tackled—and probably its most important function today—was the production of antivenin, the serum used to counteract the effect of poisonous snake bite. Antivenin production involves the individual milking of thousands of live snakes—every one of them supremely healthy and deadly poisonous. The antivenin produced at the Ross Allen Reptile Institute has saved literally thousands of lives all over the world.

Two other important activities at the Institute today were probably undreamed of in the beginning: the rattlesnake cannery and the great American sight-seer. Somewhere along the line somebody discovered that rattlesnakes were good to eat. The

word spread, and a new cannery was born—sirloin of rattlesnake a specialty.

As for the sight-seers, they appeared on the scene soon after the Institute opened its doors and came in increasing numbers to ogle the fearsome and fascinating menagerie Ross was putting together. Charging admission only made them more determined, so the Institute soon gave in and adapted itself to the needs of its visitors. Since then thousands of eager spectators have thronged the Institute's parklike acres to take the guided tour, watch the rattlesnake milking, and browse among the alligator pens.

The Institute capitalizes on this interest to get across to its visitors a few of the ABC's of herpetology — the study of reptiles. Two of the most important: 1) Snakes do man far more good than harm—so leave them alone. 2) Poisonous snakes can do harm—so leave them alone.

Through all of his colorful career during the growth of the Reptile Institute, Ross remained active, one way or another, in Scouting. As merit badge counselor for reptile study, he continues to work with scores of local Boy Scouts and Explorers (see pictures), and as Ross Allen, top man of the famed Institute, he has introduced thousands of visiting Scouts to the fascinating—and often misunderstood—world of reptiles.

Ross Allen firmly believes that Scouting was one of the main influences in his choice of—and his success in—his lifework. Perhaps this is why, when he is surrounded by a knot of eager, questioning Scouts, he seems the happiest of all.

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ROSS SHOWS AN ALLIGATOR TO EXPLORER SCOUTS AT THE REPTILE INSTITUTE

SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE BOY SCOUT CAMP-OUT AT FLORIDA'S SILVER SPRINGS, NOVEMBER 25-30, 1959

The 1959 Executive Board consists of Mr. Robert Somers, the Reverend Fred Turner, Mr. W. A. Perkins, Mr. W. C. Ray, Jr., and Mr. Francis Brannon. The Camp Director is Mr. Ross Allen.

Headquarters Area is near Gate No. 1. Here is located the Registration Hut, with First Aid and Information Tents nearby. Also near Gate No. 1 are the Lee W. Popple Amphitheatre, the Leonard E. Todd Stage, the Building Supply Base, a cold drink stand, guide and messenger service, programs with map, the barbecue pits, a Lit'l Giant Food Store truck, and a pay telephone. The 'phone number is MArion 9-9329.

Drinking water is available near the junction of Main Road and First Road.

The tract is divided into Areas A, B, C, and D. The individual camping spots are numbered within each area: A1, A2, A3..., B1, B2, B3, etc. Gates are also numbered. Gate No. 4 is for exit only.

The camp will open November 25 and close November 30, 1959.

There will be a fogging machine to keep down insects. The camp site itself is on relatively high, dry, sandy ground.

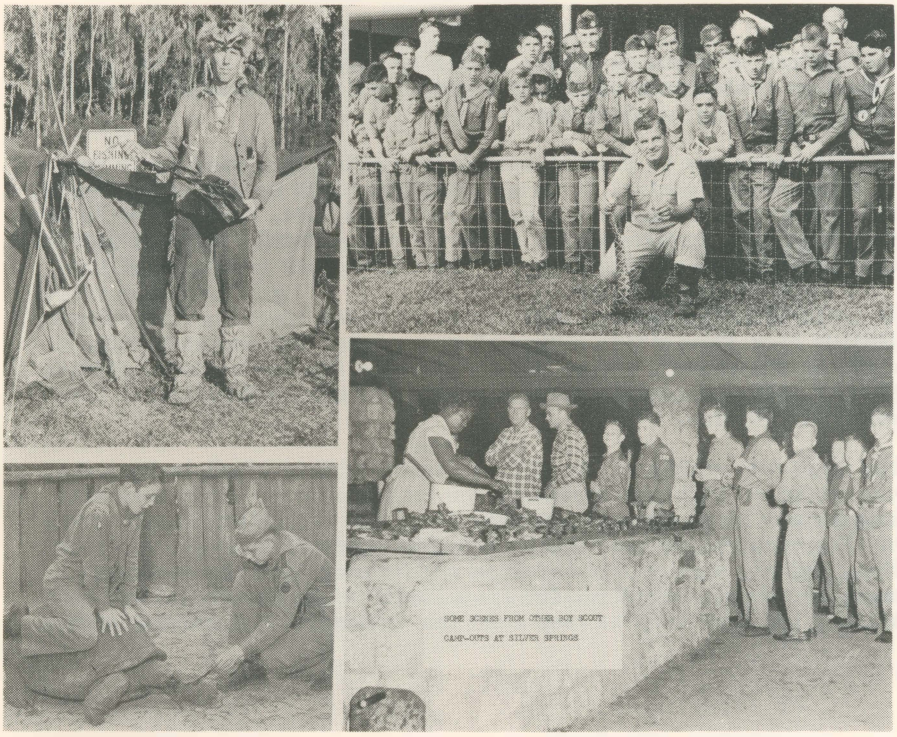
Certain rules are necessary, both to protect the campers from accident and to protect the camp site from harm. Do not bring firearms. Do not bring axe, hatchet, or knife. (There will be plenty of firewood near the individual camping spots; and tent pegs should be brought, not cut.) Do not cut any trees. Help prevent forest fires. Use the latrine ditches to dispose of waste paper and empty cans; burn leftover food.

Suggestions to Scout Masters: Bring rakes and shovels, ground cover, canvas tub or other bathing container, extra canvas for latrine side walls. Scout Masters are permitted hatchets. Building Supply Base will have boards, nails, etc. Groceries will be available at the Lit'l Giant Food Store truck, at regular prices.

Registration fee will be 25¢ per person.

Scout Day patches will be on sale at the Registration Hut and also at the Ross Allen Trading Post.

Scouts: Remember the Scout Laws. Be careful. Obey the camp rules, so that you may come back again. Demerits will be given against a troop whose members break any Scout Law. Certificates of Award will be given to troops that receive no demerits, or to troops that deserve such awards in the opinion of the judges.



SNAKEBITE PREVENTION

by

Ross Allen's Reptile Institute, Inc.
Silver Springs, Florida, U. S. A.

Care and common sense will go a long way toward preventing snakebite. Most victims are struck on the ankle or lower leg; so one should use care in going through brushy places where the ground cannot be seen. A person who often walks through brushy places should wear heavy leggings or boots. Pants legs should be worn outside the boots, where they may help to deflect the aim of a striking snake.

Don't step over a fallen log; there may be a snake lurking on the other side. Step on the log, glance down to make sure the way is clear, then step down. Be careful about putting the hands into brushy places, and careful when sitting or squatting down in such places.

The capture of venomous snakes should be left to the experts. Many boys keep collections of living snakes; it is not recommended that venomous species be among them.

The only sure way to prevent snakes from entering a yard is to put up snake-proof fencing. It is also well to clean up any trash, weeds, old lumber piles, palmetto clumps, rockpiles, etc. that may be in or near the yard. Burrows of the gopher tortoise should be caved in, for they provide places of refuge for the diamondback rattlesnake.

An ordinary mosquito bar, well tucked in under bedding, assures protection from inquisitive snakes when one camps out and spends the night on the ground. Anyone who is often in the woods should provide himself with a snakebite first aid kit, and should familiarize himself with its use.

The dangerous snakes of the United States include coral snakes; the copperhead or highland moccasin; the cottonmouth or water moccasin; and various kinds of rattlesnakes, large and small. All other snakes of this country are harmless to man, and there is no reason to fear them. Indeed, many of the harmless snakes prey upon the venomous ones, or compete with them for food. Harmless snakes should not be killed, for they help to keep down the numbers of the dangerous ones.

WHAT TO SEE AT FLORIDA'S SILVER SPRINGS

Ross Allen's Reptile Institute and the Seminole Indian Village may be visited by Scouts free of charge during the camp-out. Other attractions offer special group rates, as follows:

GLASS-BOTTOM BOAT TRIP ..... 60¢

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(To take advantage of these special rates, Scouts should form groups of 15. Scout Masters accompanying such groups also receive the special rate. The Photo-Sub ride follows the Glass-Bottom Boat Trip.)

JUNGLE CRUISE (SPEEDBOAT RIDE DOWN SILVER RIVER)..... 55¢

THE PRINCE OF PEACE MEMORIAL ..... 25¢

CARRIAGE CAVALCADE (EXHIBIT OF ANTIQUE CARS AND COACHES) ..... 50¢

TOMMY BARTLETT'S INTERNATIONAL DEER RANCH ..... 40¢

SILVER SPRINGS SWIMMING BEACH, no use of bath house ..... 25¢
with use of bath house ..... 35¢

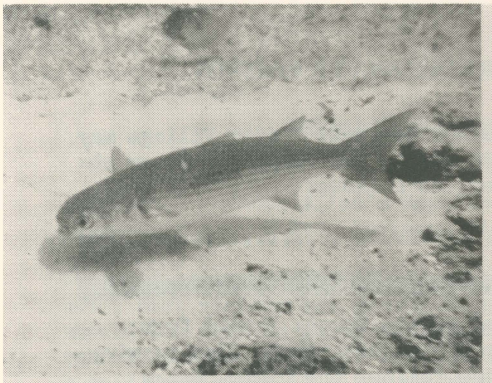
SHOPS TO VISIT

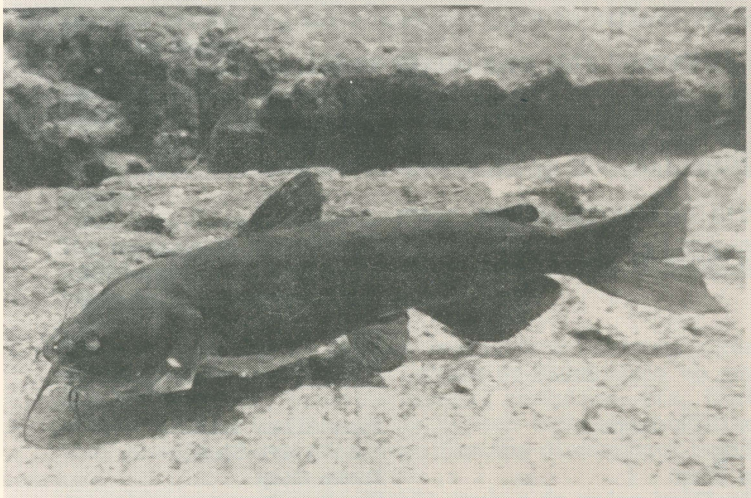
Silver Springs Gift Shops
The Antique Shop
Florida Crafts Shop
Shell and Curio Shop
Graack's Pottery Shop
Ross Allen Trading Post
Belo's Art Studio
Photo Shop
The Toy Shop

Silver Springs Restaurant and Cafeteria

Soda Shops

NOTE: The Glass-Bottom Boat Trip last about 1 hour, the Photo-Sub Ride 10 minutes, the Jungle Cruise 1 hour, Ross Allen's Reptile Institute 45 minutes, the Prince of Peace Memorial no set time, the Carriage Cavalcade 45 minutes, and Tommy Bartlett's International Deer Ranch 45 minutes.





SOME FISHES
of SILVER SPRINGS
as seen from
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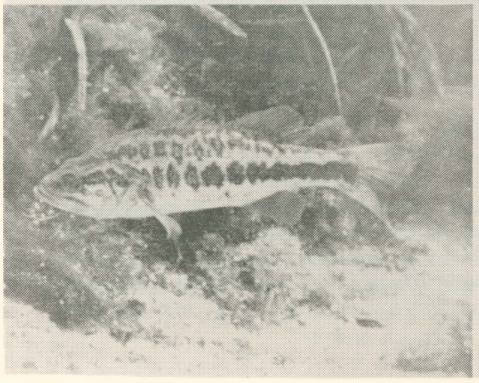
BOATS



PROGRAM

ROSS ALLEN'S ANNUAL BOY SCOUT DAY AND CAMP-OUT
1959

AT FLORIDA'S SILVER SPRINGS

NOVEMBER 25. The camp site will be opened at 10:00 A.M. for the benefit of troops arriving early. Troop camp sites will be assigned after the Scout Master registers. There will be an evening council fire and improvised program at the Lee W. Popple Amphitheatre Bowl, 7:00 P.M.

NOVEMBER 26. Those arriving may register at the camp site, set up the individual troop camps, visit the attractions at Silver Springs, swim, etc. There will be an evening council fire and improvised program at the Amphitheatre, 7:00 P.M.

NOVEMBER 27. New arrivals register at Headquarters in the camping area. Set up individual camps, visit the attractions at Silver Springs, swim, etc. There will be an evening council fire and improvised program at the Amphitheatre, 7:00 P. M.

NOVEMBER 28. Late arrivals may register, set up individual camps, visit the attractions at Silver Springs, swim, etc. Ross Allen will provide barbecued chicken for the evening meal. Chicken will be served from 4 cooking pits, throughout a good part of the afternoon and evening. This night there will be a Full Dress Campfire Program at the Amphitheatre, with entertainment by Ross Allen and his staff. Visitors will be invited.

NOVEMBER 29. There will be church programs at Silver Springs and at the camp site. No planned activities; Scouts may wish to visit the attractions at Silver Springs, swim, etc.

NOVEMBER 30. Camp will remain open until noon.

This is a map of a portion of the CAMPSITE at Florida's Silver Springs. Note that NORTH is to the bottom, so you'll not have to turn the booklet as you enter GATE 1. The camp is bounded on the west by the BASE LINE ROAD, and on the north by PARADISE PARK ROAD. Gate 1 is just across the Paradise Park Road from the NATURE TRAIL TO ROSS ALLEN'S. Entering the camp by Gate 1, you'll be on MAIN ROAD. To your left is the AMPHITHEATRE, to the right the SUPPLY BASE, indicated by ▨. Just beyond it are the LIT'L GIANT FOOD STORE TRUCK ■, and the CONCESSIONS ●●. In front of you is the HEADQUARTERS AREA (hq). Other areas are labelled a, b, c, and d. Individual troop sites are not shown, but are numbered on the campgrounds: a1, a2, a3, etc.; b1, b2, etc., c1, c2, etc.; d1, d2, etc. If your troop is assigned to site d6, for example, you'll know to look in Area d for site number 6. In Area a there is a telephone ▲, a FIRST AID STATION ‡, and a well ○. ROADS are named Main, First, Second, and Third; they are shown by broken lines. The entire tract is fenced.